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## High School Grads Continue New Tradition



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Less than half the picture by Richard Bercuson

When Sports Journalism Beckons



Will we one day see Matthew Mountjoy broadcasting sports events on TV?

money on the side. It's really part of a rumours in sports type of department."

It's entirely possible as this 18-year old Brooklin High graduate has already set his sights on that very goal. Mountjoy won the Brooklin Town Crier Award at the June 29 BHS graduation ceremony. The newspaper donates \$400 each year to a graduating student attending a post-secondary program in English/Media/Communication technology. Mountjoy will attend Durham College in the fall to pursue a diploma in journalism.

While in high school, he'd taken every communications technology course available. These prepared him to handle photo and video editing tasks, which he admits he revelled in.

In the second year of the program, students need to obtain placements in their field. "I'm hoping that I can get a placement that will land me a position in my field."

Mountjoy adds he may get involved with the college publication "The Chronicle" as well as perhaps doing some film work for the school.

But the bigger picture for him is in sports, particularly as a broadcaster or analyst. By his own admission an inveterate sports watcher, he's begun to lay out that path by contributing to the online site "lastwordonsports.com."

While his first love is hockey, he also recognizes to need to cover all sorts of sports in order to best achieve his objectives. And some day...who knows?

"I've been writing for them for the last two months," Mountjoy says. "And I get paid for it so it's a little

What You Need To Know This Week:

Could You Be The Next Town Crier?

Can you cry loudly and clearly? Would you enjoy representing the Town at local events? The Town is looking for a new Town Crier! Submit an application that includes a short 20-second video demonstrating your ability to cry loudly and clearly by August 19 at 4:30 p.m. Finalists will be invited to compete for the Town Crier title at the Harvest Festival on September 17, 2022. Learn more and apply at [whitby.ca/TownCrier](http://whitby.ca/TownCrier)



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Looking for a fun, rewarding job? The Town offers courses and training through the Life Saving Society for youth to become a swimming instructor or lifeguard. Become part of a team that's dedicated to community leadership and developing life-saving skills. It all starts at [whitby.ca/Swimming](http://whitby.ca/Swimming)



Enjoy Free Whitby Recreation Programs This Summer

This summer, get fit and have fun with free outdoor fitness classes at the Whitby Civic Recreation Complex. Join us:

- July 20 | 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. | Cycle Circuit
- August 9 | 12 to 1 p.m. | Yoga Flow
- August 31 | 2 to 3 p.m. | Zumba



Registration is not required. Anyone under 14 must attend with a parent or guardian. Classes will be cancelled for inclement weather. Check for updates: [whitby.ca/Recreation](http://whitby.ca/Recreation)

Final Chance to Have Your Say: 2023 Budget

What Town of Whitby services are most important to you? Which would you prioritize if you were building Whitby's 2023 Budget? We've launched community engagement to help inform the Town's 2023 Budget and we want to hear from you! Share your priorities with us from now to July 22 at [connectwhitby.ca/Budget](http://connectwhitby.ca/Budget)



Mayor's Senior Volunteer Award

Do you know a Whitby senior who has shown outstanding commitment as a community volunteer? Nominations for the Mayor's Senior Volunteer Awards are open for a few more weeks! Learn more and nominate a local senior now through August 5 at [whitby.ca/MSVA](http://whitby.ca/MSVA)



Book Your BBQ Before You Go

If you are planning on having a BBQ in a Town park, remember barbecue use is only allowed in rentable picnic areas and shelters when you have a facility rental permit. Be sure to book before you arrive by emailing [facilityrentals@whitby.ca](mailto:facilityrentals@whitby.ca) or calling 905.668.7765. For a complete list of outdoor amenities available to enjoy, visit [whitby.ca/Parks](http://whitby.ca/Parks)



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# The Heart of Brooklin: Grass Park

By Jennifer Hudgins

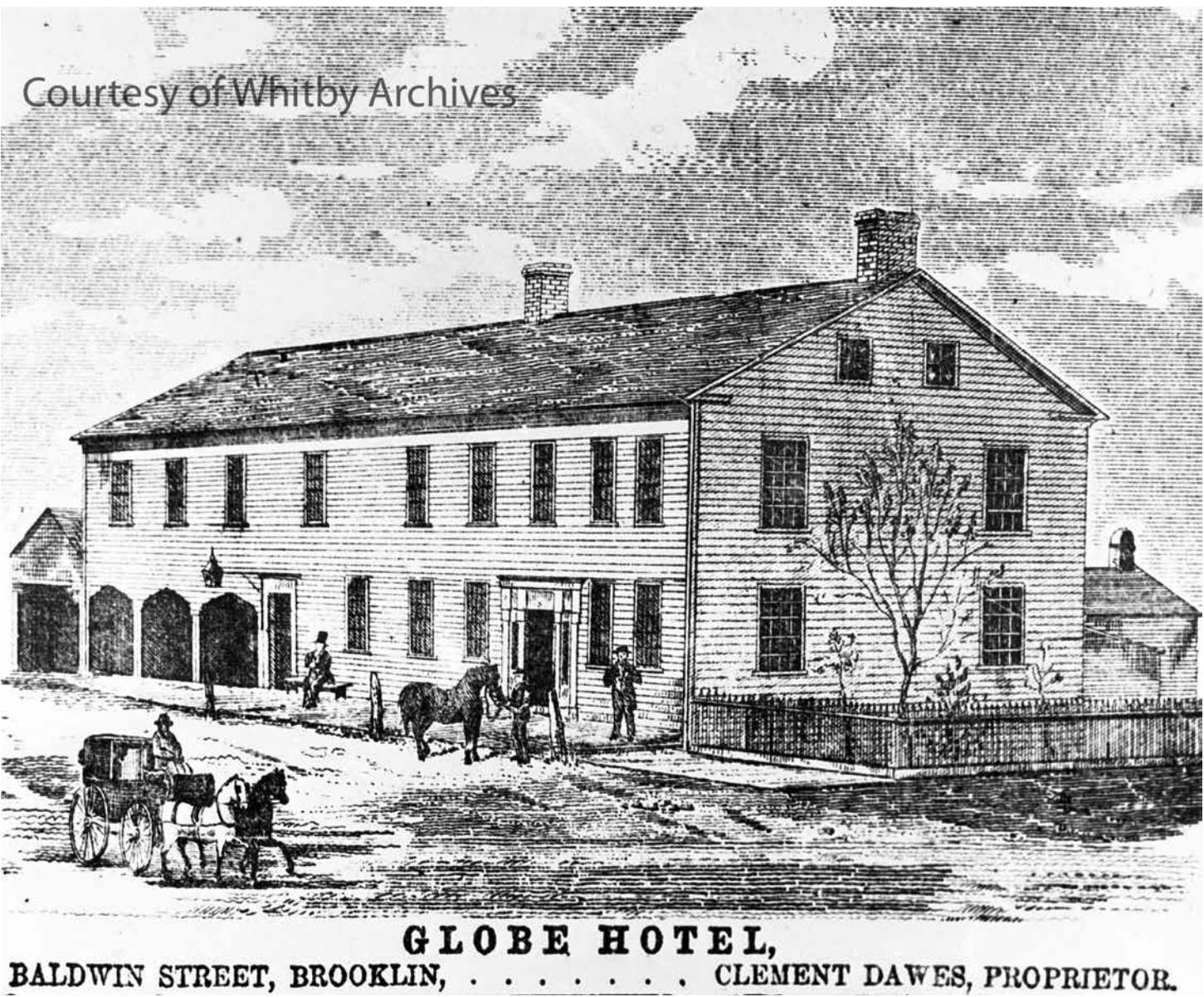
The triangular piece of land in the middle of historic downtown Brooklin is named for Charles J. Grass who owned it. Bounded by Roebuck and Baldwin Streets and Cassels Road, Grass Park has an interesting history.

The property was first purchased by Joseph Wilkinson in 1855. He built the Globe Hotel on the land and, under the management of Clement Dawes, it became known as the village’s social and political hub. Wilkerson sold the property 11 years later to James Powell who continued to do an extensive trade in travellers staying there. Later, proprietors B. McQuay, V. Woodruff and Thomas Chinn also experienced similar successes. The prosperous times, however, ended abruptly on February 11, 1885, when the hotel was destroyed by fire.

**Became a park**  
The lot sat vacant until 1907 when Grass bought the land and transformed it into a park by planting trees and installing tables. It became a popular spot for cottagers driving north through the village to stop and have a meal. A deep well, once used by the Globe Hotel, provided water for the picnickers while the Brooklin Horticultural Society maintained the property.

When Grass died in 1941, he willed the park to the Township of Whitby which declined to accept the bequest. So his wife Jennie took control. After her death in 1949, their daughter Harriet Fraser offered the land to the Township for \$1,600, but council could not agree on the price.

**Residents came together**  
In 1951, Fraser once more offered the land to the Township. But when Brooklin residents real-



ized they could lose the park to developers, they came together to raise the money required. A committee, chaired by A. J. Cook, was formed to save the park. Collectors divided up the village and surrounding communities into districts and went door-to-door asking for donations.

It took until July 6 to raise the full amount till finally on July 10, 1951, the park was registered as public property. When the Town and Township of Whitby amalgamated in 1968, Grass Park became the property of the newly formed Town of Whitby and today is maintained by the Town’s Parks and Recreation Department.

Christmas with carolling around the spruce tree which was planted by the Brooklin Community Club in 1955. Television shows and movies have been filmed in the park. Other annual attractions include Brooklin Creates in June and Music in the Park in July and August.

Certainly when Brooklin residents pitched in to buy Grass Park all those years ago, it turned out to be a prescient and productive venture that has been a benefit to the community ever since.

Events were held in Grass Park as early as 1911 when the Brooklin Spring Fair debuted. Group 74 hosted the first Harvest Festival in September of 2000 and, in December, started an Old Tyme

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Ajwani, Diya	Clack, Cameron	Geci-Bourk, Ryan	Kastanas, James	Nicholson, Daria	Sharland, Lauren
Almasy, Ryan	Clausner, Lukas	Giardullo, Michela	Kendall, Jillian	Nickerson, Sidney	Sharples, Ryan
Aloe, Karina	Collins, Nolan	Gibb, Holden	Khan, Hamza	Nigro, Tyler	Shaw, Alison
Alty, Nathan	Condron, Hannah	Gibbons, Morgan	Kidd, Lucy	Nino, Isabella	Shaw, William
Ambra Michael	Connelly, Mac	Gilbert, Jocelyn	Kierstead, Evan	O'Donnell, Jade	Shea, Bosco
Anderson, Chloe	Connolly, Nolan	Giles, Greg	Kim, Avery	O'Hagan, Kaitlyn	Shewchuk, Benjamin
Andrews, Gavyn	Cooper, Benjamin	Giotis, Cassandra	Kiriazis, Simon	O'Toole, Iain	Shoemaker, Megan
Antonucci, Luca	Coote, Emma	Grammatikos, Cole	Kitching, Emma	Olden, Owen	Sibley, Emily
Arcand, Liam	Courtemanche, Nicole	Grant, Justin	Kondell, Jaylen	Orellana, Stephanie	Siiman, Kristina
Arnold, Jayden	Cowan, Connor	Green, David	Krissilas, Kat	Osborne, Jacob	Silverson, Gavin
Avis, Noah	Cowan, Shelby	Groen, Madison	Kuzenko, Tayah	Patel, Mia	Simms, Kaitlyn
Babu, Elamparuthi	Cribby, Melissa	Groskopf, Ryan	Lagace, Anna	Patrick, Jade	Skitch, Sarah
Baird, Izzy	Crilly, Hannah	Gummow, Drew	Lampert, Mia	Patrick, Jenessa	Slater, Brayden
Bal, Arjun	Cuddy, Maggie	Gunda, Sean	Lanca, Ryan	Pavek, Mateo	Smallbridge, Walter
Baldeo, Kurtus	Cuenca, Ashton	Haber, Andrew	Lane, Brianna	Pavek, Nathaniel	Smiley, Daniel
Baldeo, Marcus	Cunningham, Joe	Hagerman, Cody	Law, Emily	Penney, Kennedy	Smith, Calder
Ballantyne, Andrew	Dale, Logan	Haire, Brendan	Legro Tobon, Andres	Pereira, Matthew	Smith, Mikala
Baptista, Emilia	Dalfino, Naya	Hambly, Brett	Lindell, Kaydance	Peters-Davey, Blake	Smith, Sydney
Barber, Carrie	Damra, Reena	Harley, Jessica	Ling, Sarah	Pfeiffer, Chloe	Stack, Hannah
Barrett, Alexa	Davis, Ryan	Harrington, Jenni	Loach-Perry, Bralyn	Pflanzer, Aidan	Stevens, Nathan
Bayliss, Daniel	De Matteo, Ethan	Hartwig, Melissa	LoGiacco, Natalie	Pickering, Zack	Stewart, Abby
Beck, Dylan	Declute, Caleb	Harty, Eamon	Lomer, Mikaela	Plaha, Maleena	Stifani, Antonio
Beer, Emma	deHaas, Matthew	Harvey, Jordyn	MacIntosh, Pete	Pleasants, Leah	Stogios, Mya
Belford, Brooke	DeMille, Max	Hatfield, Grayden	MacNeil, Ewan	Pleasants, Skye	Sturley, Josh
Bell, Zander	DeSouza, John	Havery, Shane	Mahoney, Charlie	Plowman, Olivia	Sullivan, Sara
Bendzsa, Connor	Dhani, Emma	Hayes, Ainsley	Mantle, Taylor	Plytas, Evan	Sutcliffe, Adam
Bickle, Carter	Dickson, Liam	Helsdon, Benjamin	Marks, Teagan	Poranganel, Kaidon	Tanzola, Curtis
Bird, Emily	Donaldson, David	Henderson, Owen	Marshall, Ethan	Powell, Nathan	Tayab, Ayesha
Bloom. Alexander	Drummond, Alec	Hendry, Dean	Masri, Lucas	Puddester, Madeline	Taylor, Amanda
Bloom, Nicola	Drysdale, Sarah	Hennessey, Kellan	May, Tyson	Ramlakhan, Mikayla	Templeman, Stephen
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Boundy, Mavrikk	Dunlop, Alyssa	Hogenboom, Hope	McKean, Catherine	Reader, Jason	Timmons, Olivia
Boundy, Zennen	Dunn, Chad	Hogg, Josh	McKee, Zoe	Reed, Caden	Van Huyen, Max
Bramma, Josh	Dunn, Nolan	Holliwell, Lauren	Mckinlay, Claire	Robidoux, Liam	Vautour, Max
Bratton, Kieran	Eales Harwood, Max	Holmes, Rachael	McLean, Jacob	Robson, Brianna	Visser, Katrina
Braznick, Jules	Eckersall, Thomas	Holyer, Alexander	McLean, Nolan	Rodrigues, Greven	Waite, Hilary
Brouwer, Ella	Elgazzar, Sara	Howell, Jason	McNally, Liam	Rodrigues, Reyne	Walsh, Liam
Brown, Jordan	Elgazzar, Sara	Hughes, Ella	McPherson, Ava	Rooney, Tressa	Walsh, Tanya
Bucholski, Evan	Emery, Olivia	Hughes, Madelyn	Meaker, Ben	Roth, Thomas	Warner , Benjamin
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But, Megan	Faria, Liara	Isaac, Alexis	Middleton, Ryan	Saltouridis-Dewit, Constantin	Wight, Owen
Byers, Declan	Fayle, Logan	Isovski, Kristian	Mitchell, Sebastian	Sargent, Jacob	Williams, Claire
Campbell, Emily	Ferguson, Ben	Ivankovic, Dylan	Momand, Issaq	Saunders, Abby	Williams, Kyla
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Cassidy, Maeve	Foster, Andrew	Jaglowitz, Victoria	Moore, Jake	Schellsa, Logan	Wilson, Aiden
Catto, Griffin	Foster, Josh	Janovitz, Ethan	Moore, William	Schell, Grace	Wilson, Dorian
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Chong, Cameron	Garey, Jack	Jordan, Taos	Munroe, Shanelle	Shaddick, Emma	Zolis, Jordan
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## Our Brooklin Kids by Leanne Brown



### This is 13

My daughter just turned 13 and is now officially a teen. I remember turning 13 and thinking I was suddenly all grown up yet I didn't feel I was. My daughter expressed similar feelings as we prepared the final details of her party later that day. "I don't feel any different," she said. "I thought I would feel older".

What does it mean to be 13 in today's world? It means you're an adult in training though really just a big kid. There may be more ex-

pectations but at times you still want to watch cartoons, play in a sprinkler, or build a fort in the living room.

**13** is about transition. Ask girls this age what they want for their birthdays and the choices range from laptops and iphones to puppies and stuffies. Some are ready to move on to more grown up items while others aren't in a hurry to grow up.

**13** is also experimental like trying out makeup and clothing that appears more adult and trendy. No longer do they grab a tee shirt

and go. Outfits are now carefully planned.

**13** is about mystery. Before, boys were just there and annoying. Now the girls talk about them differently...while still complaining about them being mostly annoying.

**13** is about understanding the world outside of their world. They take interest in social injustice, why things are happening and how they can have an impact. They see everything as black and white and look to adults to explain the grey parts.

**13** is about independence. Before, they wanted us there all the time. Now its about being with their

friends. I've suddenly become an uber driver to my 13 yr-old. I used to hover in the wings when I took them to the mall. Now? I am expected to "shop on my own."

**13** is about goals. At this age, they start taking their performances seriously, whether in sport or other activities. They put a little more effort into things they care about like practising shots or playing songs over and over.

**13** is about home and family. After a day out with their friends and experiencing a little bit of the world on their own, they are content to be home with their families. As parents, we may even still get a hug or snuggle - if the mood strikes.



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| Cooperative Education - Zack Pickering        | Science - Ella Brouwer                        |
| English - Jacquelyn McGregor                  | Social Science and Humanities - Karina Aloe   |
| Inclusive Student Services - Grayden Hatfield | Technological Studies - Kieran Bratton        |

Community Award Winners

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  - Arjun Bal, Hope Hogenboom, Peter MacIntosh, Blake Peters-Davey, Joshua Rowan
- Brooklin High School Cooking Award - Karina Aloe
- Brooklin High School Baking Award - William Shaw
- Brooklin/Ashburn/Myrtle (BAM) Lions Club Award - Sarah Ling
- The Brooklin Natural Health Centre - Rachael Holmes, Cody Hagerman
- Brooklin Optometric Centre Award - Ben Meaker
- Brooklin Town Crier Award - Matthew Mountjoy
- Brooklin Village Church Award - Alyssa Wonnacott
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Don Mitchell is stepping down this October as Whitby mayor after seven terms in public office, first as the north ward and regional councillor and then mayor, probably one of the longest serving and widest ranging public servants the Town has had.

The Brooklin Town Crier sat down with him in June to get answers to a few questions as he looks back on his years in office. Here are his comments, in his words:

**You practiced law for a few years then left the profession to return to Brooklin. What drew you back, or away from law?**  
I practiced law in Guelph for seven

years and it was fine. My dad and uncle owned the lumber business in town and were ready to retire and close it down. So, if I wanted to give it a try, I had to make a decision. There have been no regrets or looking back. I enjoyed the lumber business and it led to an opportunity to join council. It is a great place to live and raise a family.

**You became a local ward councillor in 1994. Why?**  
In 1991, Ross Batten was the local councillor for the Brooklin area but he had decided to run for regional council. He encouraged me to run and thought I would enjoy it. I ran, won, and found I did



Coach Mitchell is at centre in the background

enjoy it.

**Did you ever consider provincial or federal politics?**  
I have not really considered pro-

vincial or federal politics for a few reasons. First, though I ended up spending 28 years on council, I always had competing interests

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and priorities. I was encouraged by many to run for regional council in 1997 but my children were 11 and 13 and I was coaching them in minor sports and would not exchange that time with them for anything. Second, what I have always cared about was my town and you can positively impact your town a lot more as a councillor and especially as a mayor.

If what you care about is your town, you have way more influence as a mayor than as an MP or MPP. And I'm not sure my personality is suited to a kind of follow the leader reality of those levels of government. It sometimes seems the leader's voice is everything.

**In those early days, before development in Brooklin took hold, were there issues you struggled with? What were they and why?**

The major issues in Brooklin in the early pre-growth years were about the negative impacts from having a provincial highway running through our downtown. The Brooklin Business Association then - led by Rick Barnes, Connie Heron and Dave Stewart - had constant problems and frustrations. Not much has changed. That is still the biggest problem and the biggest thing that needs to be fixed. Council must pick an alternate route for Highway 7/12 or downtown Brooklin and Brooklin generally will suffer.

The 407 plan was more or less approved when I came back here in 1990. I wasn't aware of much opposition to the 407. I personally thought it would be quite noisy though it has not turned out to be the case. I went to some of the sessions where there was discussion of the road being north because I thought it would be a better location. The engineers said that's wrong, that if it were north, the sound would wash down over the town. They said this will not be noisy. And they're right.

My disappointment about it then when I got on council was that I was saying we need a bypass. We know what's coming. Have service land that can run around Brooklin, like the QEW around Hamilton and Stoney Creek. They said no. So I've been trying to get that bypass forever. The mid-block arterial will be great alongside the new sports complex.

**What were the main differences between being a ward and regional councillor that you perhaps didn't foresee in 2006 when you became a regional councillor?**

Local issues more directly impact

people and neighbourhoods - whether it be planning or parks or traffic - there is a lot more consultation and involvement in those decisions. Regional issues are broader and are much more about policy and precedent - and properly so. Because regional councillors also sit on local council, there is no divide. We all work well together.

**The final scene of the film The Candidate starring Robert Redford showed him in his hotel room after winning a senatorial election. He looks at his campaign manager, played by Peter Boyle, and asks, "What do we do now?" So, after 12 years as a ward councillor and eight years as a regional one, you chose to run for mayor and won with 73% of the vote. Was there such a moment?**

No. I was very clear when I ran for mayor about the kind of town I would work to build. I handed out copies of "Walkable City" throughout the campaign which is all about building a great town and great downtowns through a constant focus on walkability.

The Ten Steps of Walkability are: Put cars in their place - Mix the uses - Get the parking right - Let transit work - Protect the pedestrian - Welcome bikes - Shape the spaces - Plant trees - Make friendly and unique faces - And pick your winners. This is a blueprint for a vibrant, safe, accessible and welcoming community. We have taken many positive steps towards that ideal over the last eight years.

**What is there in municipal politics that the general public either doesn't understand or doesn't know?**

Municipal politics is harder than when I started for two main reasons. The first reason is the accelerating impacts of politicized media. Politics is essentially about achieving consensus through reason, shared information and discussion. It is rooted in being willing to consider other perspectives and to compromise. Politicized social media is generally unpleasant (too toxic) and polarizing. It discourages consensus and distorts information to manipulate its user. It is designed to hold screen attention and generating anger is the easiest way to do that.

The second reason is the provincial rules which forbid members of council from doing precisely what provincial and federal members are allowed to

do and always do: meet together in private to discuss matters as elected representatives before the public discussion and decision. Apart from the hypocrisy of these provincial requirements - do as I say, not as I do - they reduce the ability of any council to have the frank discussion that are sometimes needed to ensure the implications of the different decision options are understood. These rules were not in place when I joined council and they make things harder.

**What are you most proud of after all these years?**

I am proud because we live in



Don and his first campaign sign

a town that Whitby and Brooklin residents are overwhelmingly proud to call home. This local pride shows in how good our town looks and how many amazing residents volunteer their time and talents to keep making it better for everyone.

While council decisions are team decisions, I can highlight some where I played a large role in achieving the outcome.

As a local councillor, I am proud of the "one downtown" vision for Brooklin that was implemented in our Official Plan in the 1990s and is now being realized through the development of the southwest corner of Baldwin and Winchester. This decision will ensure Brooklin will have a substantial downtown area commensurate with its ultimate size so it will remain the true "heart" of the village and that the historic downtown will always be an integral and important part of Brooklin's future.

When I joined regional council, I worked very hard to increase our focus on climate change which led to the creation of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change which I chaired for many years. Locally and regionally, major initiatives have since been taken to try and meet this existential threat to our shared future.

As Mayor, I am proud of the council goals that were adopted unanimously in the first meeting of both councils. I had never seen this done anywhere and felt it was

tremendously important to have council define and strengthen its shared vision for the future. The council goals have been very impactful in achieving positive outcomes and our staff have done a tremendous job implementing those goals.

**What have been your frustrations?**

My biggest frustration is our collective failure to really come to grips with the accelerating threat of global warming. This is a far, far greater threat to our future, and our grandchildren's, than Covid. But we saw a powerful and successful global mobilization to fight Covid while our collective response to global warming remains tepid.

The one big, big frustration is that we haven't chosen an alternate route around Brooklin. We're now in year eight of council actively, positively, aggressively pursuing that. We signed an agreement with the ministry in 2015 saying this is what we want, We want to achieve this. And now eight years later, to be still working through the EA (Environmental Assessment) is just painful. But that is one issue that is so important to the future that I will stay involved. Council has to decide. To me, the answer is clear that you have to pick a route. That highway (12) is just unacceptable. These trucks drive past Lakeridge Road coming from the west and they chug through Brooklin and go north. They ought to sit down for 10 minutes and look at a map. What are you doing? It never stops.

**What is one thing about you people would be surprised to learn?**

I played hockey one winter in Belgium. The Flemish part of Belgium. They gave me a job. In 4th year university, a guy who had gone over and came back was my roommate at Trent. He said call this guy, take your skates and they'll find you a team. I went over hitch hiking around but I took my skates which are a bit of a nuisance in a backpack. The job was really neat. Artists built these sort of facades that sat over the fireplaces. So this other guy and I were basically the flunkies who did the varathaning of these art pieces.

**What will you miss?**

I will miss working with so many great people - from council, staff and the community - and having an important voice in shaping our town's future. When a council works together and really seizes the opportunity of leadership they have been given, it is tremendously rewarding and satisfying.

Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

Crossword

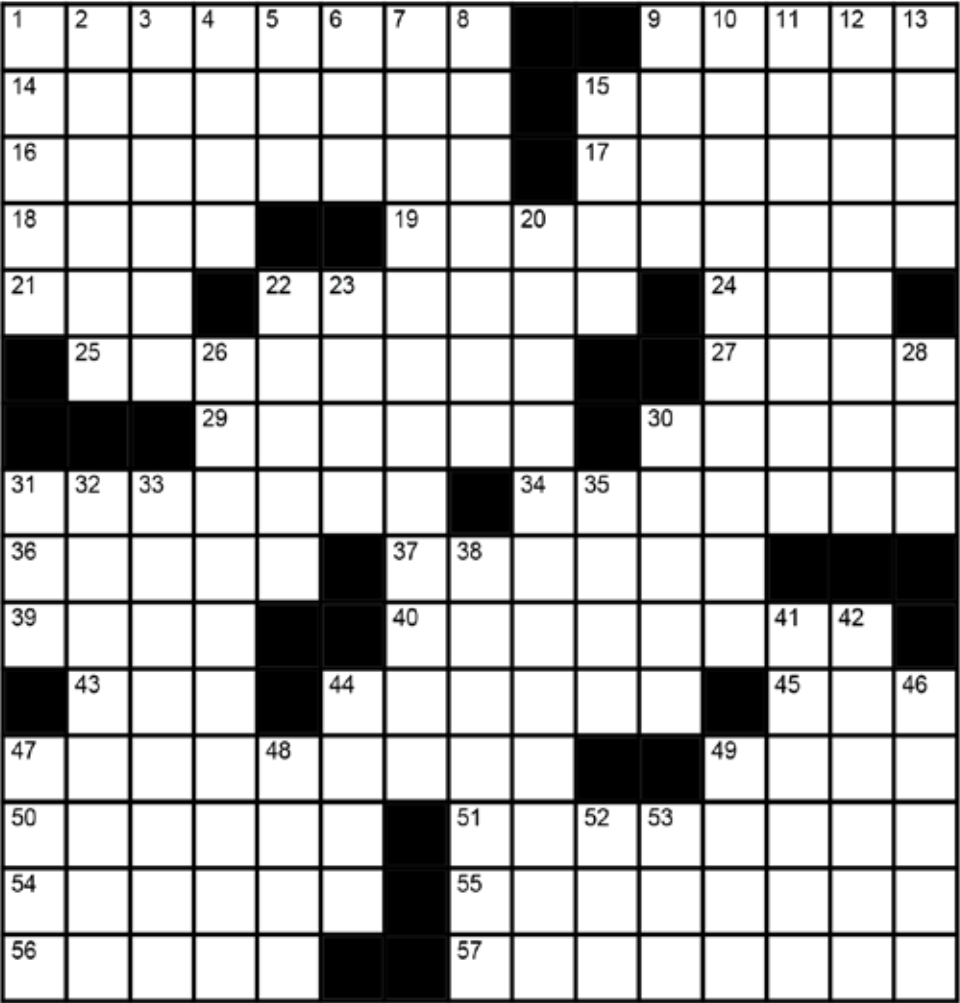
Across

- 1 Turn away from by persuasion
- 9 English explorer who reached the South Pole
- 14 Blows up
- 15 The code of law derived from the Koran
- 16 Carrying developing offspring
- 17 Develop into a pupa
- 18 Brouhaha
- 19 Extremely malicious or wicked
- 21 Sorceress
- 22 Beliefs
- 24 252 wine gallons
- 25 A person who is expelled from home or country by authority
- 27 Apple spray
- 29 Melodic
- 30 Buoy
- 31 Mixture
- 34 Forms of fiction with strong irony or sarcasm
- 36 Big dipper
- 37 They last a long time
- 39 Arm or leg
- 40 A-one
- 43 Expire
- 44 Interlocks with
- 45 Big galoot
- 47 The skeleton of the human foot between the toes and the tarsus
- 49 Engine sound
- 50 Catch

- 51 A church
- 54 Slumbers
- 55 Becoming gradually narrower
- 56 (Greek mythology) monster with nine heads
- 57 Type of criticisms

Down

- 1 Profundity
- 2 Bit of progress
- 3 Arctic transport
- 4 Kind of palm
- 5 Ashes holder
- 6 Eastern title
- 7 A measuring instrument for determining optical or photographic density
- 8 Subjects of wills
- 9 Avoid
- 10 A person who invests capital in a business
- 11 Obscurely prophetic
- 12 A salt containing titanium and oxygen
- 13 Old Chinese money
- 15 Fitness centers
- 20 Of or relating to theosophy
- 22 Fake
- 23 Part of a score, maybe
- 26 One of the mourners carrying the coffin at a funeral
- 28 Abbr. next to a telephone number
- 30 Community spirit



- 31 Completely
- 32 Befitting or characteristic of a maiden
- 33 Conceded the existence, reality or truth of
- 35 Clearasil target
- 38 Beverages of sweet spiced hot milk curdled with ale or beer
- 41 The child of your aunt or uncle
- 42 American artist whose pop art emerged from the New York City graffiti subculture of the 1980's
- 44 They may provide relief
- 46 Hand grenades
- 47 Fit together
- 48 Spanish appetizer
- 49 Prefix with scope or meter
- 52 Number cruncher, for short
- 53 Allow

Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



Surviving

BBQs and

Picnics

As A Vegan

Isn't it lovely to be out in backyards socializing again? But summer barbecues can be challenging for vegans. A bit of extra planning though can make barbecues and picnics be a lot easier and even enjoyable.

I went to a recent backyard celebration hosted by a family member and the only thing I could eat was raw veggies. I did, however, prepare for the catered event by eating before I went and carried a plant-based protein bar in my purse. Problem solved. No one was offended and I had a great time.

Here are some tips to help you navigate summer events:

1. Bring your favourite vegan hot dog, sausage, or burger. Also,

offer to provide veggie burgers or dogs. There are lots of store brands you can purchase.

2. Make a dish everyone can enjoy, like a salad. Some salads are not vegan as they contain mayonnaise, honey or cheese. I will often suggest I bring a vegan and gluten-free salad. While they are not related, it covers two lifestyle diets and can be helpful to the host.

3. How about a vegan dip? Veggie trays seem to be at every backyard party, so have some hummus or dairy-free dip handy.

3. BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverages). Some wines are not vegan – yes, it's true. So show up with two bottles, one as a gift for the host and one for yourself.

4. Let the cook know your needs. My friends are familiar with my plant-based choices and will cook the veggie burger first or on the side of the grill not used for meat. Be aware you may have to tactfully suggest this to the host. Anytime I've done this, it's been

appreciated.

5. Remember, it's a party, not a protest. There will be meat on the grill and on nearly everyone's plate. If you are not okay with this, maybe decline the invitation - with love.

6. Invite friends to a plant-based event yourself. I find people open to trying new foods and are often surprised by how great the food is.

Summer outings can be challenging for vegans. If we take some control over the situation, we can make it a lot easier.

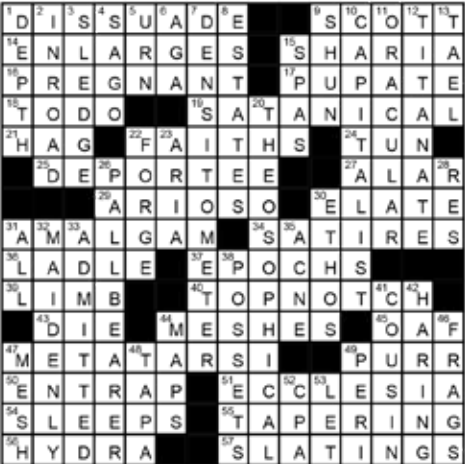
From [ohsheglows.com](https://ohsheglows.com) comes this great portobello mushroom burger recipe:

- 2 medium portobello mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons plus 1½ teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- ¼ teaspoon fine-grain seal salt

¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Remove the stems from the mushrooms. Rub the mushroom cap with a damp dishcloth to clean. In a large bowl, whisk together the vinegar, lemon juice, oil, garlic, oregano, basil, salt and paper. Add the portobello caps and toss to coat them in the marinade. Marinate the mushrooms for 30 to 60 minutes, tossing them every 15 minutes (you can also marinate them over night).

**Sheree's hack:** Triple or quadruple this recipe to use as a marinade for peppers, asparagus or zucchini.



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When it came to funding those renovation projects, 80 per cent of homeowners surveyed reported paying for their projects with cash on hand or savings. But even with more cash on hand, the rising cost of building materials led 41 per cent of homeowners to postpone planned renovations.

However, when asked about their renovation plans for the next 12 months, 75 per cent of homeowners indicated they plan to go ahead with renovations. Nationally, homeowners who plan to upgrade their spaces in the coming year plan to spend an average of \$25,222. That's nearly double what they spent on average over the past 12 months.

Whether you're planning a renovation big or small, a home inspection can provide valuable peace of mind. The professional consulting service determines the present condition of a home's major systems based on a visual inspection of accessible features, the Canadians Home Inspections for Consumers explains. The service focuses on the performance of the home, rather than cosmetic, code or design issues.

Inspections are often performed during a real estate transaction. Pre-listing inspections are performed before a property is listed for sale and provide a report to prospective buyers. A pre-offer inspection is performed by a prospective buyer before making an offer, allowing them to make an informed decision on whether and how much to bid on a home.

But home inspections can be done anytime and having your home inspected before beginning a renovation can save both time and money. It will help you better understand the condition of your home, including whether mechanical systems meet

current safety standards, so you can set and allocate your budget accordingly as you separate your needs from your wants.

Because a professional building inspector is trained to treat the whole house as a living system and understands how systems interact with and impact each other, you'll learn how doing work on one part of the house will impact the other parts. Want to tear down a wall to make your cramped kitchen more expansive? Changes to interior walls can compromise structural support. A qualified inspector can help determine if a wall is load bearing.

An inspector can also advise you on whether you need to upgrade your electrical, heating and/or plumbing service to accommodate your goals. If you're planning to renovate the basement, an inspector can spot any foundational or structural issues and determine if moisture and mould need to be addressed first.

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